# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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BIG POWERS STAND ON KASHMIR ISSUE
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a)whether the US, UK, France and other big powers have shown any change marked with greater understanding of Indian position on the Kashmir Issue including Pak-sponsored terrorism in Kashmir; and

(b)if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) The International community, including the big powers, openly recognize Pakistan`s role in cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, and the impact this has on the security of our country and the region.

(b) This greater awareness is being reflected in official statements by spokesmen of several governments and also in the international media coverage on Pakistan. During his visit to India, US President Bill Clinton acknowledged that there were elements within the Pakistan Government that have supported those who engage in violence in Kashmir. The US State Department Coordinator on Terrorism told the House International Committee on Global Terrorism in South Asia, on 12th July 2000, that Pakistan tolerated terrorists living and moving freely within its territory. He also said that numerous Kashmiri separatist groups and sectarian groups involved in terrorism use Pakistan as a base. Some countries have also committed themselves to take joint action with India, against religious and political extremism, terrorism and separatism.